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U.S. to Issue APEC Business Travel Cards

Seattle, WA – The National Center for APEC is excited to announce that the U.S. will begin issuing APEC Business Travel Cards (ABTC) this year.

The U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) will begin issuing ABTC cards 30 days after the Interim Final Rule will be published in the Federal Register, which is slated to be published mid-May.

“The ABTC program allows for efficient and expedited cross-border entry for business travelers across the Asia-Pacific, which helps companies stay competitive in this global market,” noted National Center for APEC President, Monica Hardy Whaley.

The U.S. APEC Business Travel Card Program is a voluntary program to facilitate travel for U.S. citizens engaged in verified business in the APEC region and U.S. government officials engaged in APEC business. Participants must also be members of a CBP trusted traveler program. The U.S. APEC Business Travel Card will enable access to fast-track immigration lanes at airports in foreign APEC member economies.

More information on the U.S. Customs and Border Protection can be found at www.cbp.gov

More information on the U.S. Department of State can be found at www.state.gov

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About the National Center for APEC

The National Center for APEC (NCAPEC) is the only U.S. business association focused exclusively on facilitating American private sector input to the APEC process. Representatives of NCAPEC often serve on official U.S. delegations to APEC meetings, capitalizing on the organizations excellent working relationships with U.S. government agencies as well as with business and government representatives from APEC's 21 member economies.

Our programs are characterized by robust, candid discussions between business, government and academia on key trade and economic policy topics in the Asia-Pacific region. Membership is limited to U.S. corporations. The National Center for APEC also functions as a conduit for U.S. businesses into APEC by serving as the Secretariat for the three U.S. executives who are appointed members of the APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC).

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